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PASS DOE/FERC FOR JOHN ADGER

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ENRG, ETRD, CA
SUBJECT: U.S. GAS IMPORT POLICY

REF: A. PLACKE-POSZ-RATTRAY TELECON, MAY 9; B. RATTRAY
LETTER, MAY 5.

1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED MATERIAL ENCLOSED IN REF B WITH JOHN
ADGER OF FERC, MAY 8. IT WAS AGREED THAT YOU SHOULD ORALLY
MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO PAN ALBERTA AND IPAC:

--LETTER FROM CAMERON TO PORTER CREATES MISIMPRESSION ABOUT
U.S. POLICY TOWARDS CANADIAN GAS IMPORTS WHICH USG WISHES
TO CLARIFY.

--ADGER LETTER REFERRED TO IN CAMERON-TO-PORTER LETTER WAS
WRITTEN: (1) TO INFORM U.S. GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRI-
BUTION INDUSTRY THAT JOINT ALASKA HIGHWAY GAS PIPELINE
PROJECT MIGHT RESULT IN OPPORTUNITY FOR INCREASED IMPORTS
OF CANADIAN GAS, AND (2) TO EXPRESS USG INTEREST IN ANY-
THING WHICH MIGHT HELP JOINT PIPELINE PROJECT.

--ADGER'S LETTER WAS INTENDED TO INDUCE WIDEST POSSIBLE
ACCESS TO CANADIAN GAS SUPPLIES RATHER THAN TO RESTRICT
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THAT ACCESS IN ANY WAY.

--ANY INTERPRETATION OF ADGER'S LETTER OTHER THAN THAT
GIVEN ABOVE IS UNWARRANTED AND NOTHING IN LETTER WAS IN-
TENDED TO IMPLY OTHERWISE, I.E., FACT THAT LETTER FOCUSES
ON DELIVERY OF GAS THROUGH PRE-BUILDING OF ALASKA LINE IS
NOT INTENDED TO SUGGEST THAT THIS IS ONLY APPROACH TO

DELIVERY ACCEPTABLE TO USG.

--USG APPRECIATES IPAC'S EFFORT ON BEHALF OF U.S. ACCESS TO SUPPLIES OF CANADIAN GAS. USG POLICY IN THIS CONNECTION IS THAT IT WOULD LIKE ACCESS TO CANADIAN GAS SUPPLIES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. GAS COMPANIES AND USG INTEREST IN SUCH SUPPLIES IS NOT RESTRICTED TO JOINT PIPE-LINE PROJECT.

--MR. ADGER REPRESENTS USG POLICY INTERESTS WITH RESPECT TO GAS IMPORTS AS THEY MIGHT BEAR ON VIABILITY OF JOINT GAS PIPELINE PROJECT. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT PURPORT TO SPEAK FOR USG AS A WHOLE WITH RESPECT TO GAS IMPORTS GENERALLY, THAT IS, IMPORTS NOT NECESSARILY ASSOCIATED WITH PIPELINE PROJECT.

2. EMBASSY POUCHING COPIES OF REF B AND ENCLOSURES.
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